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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – FRANCE

This Public Announcement is issued to alert Americans to ongoing security concerns in France. Significant unrest that began in the northern suburbs of Paris October 27 has now spread to several locations within the city limits of Paris, and to many other cities throughout France. Angry youth have set fire to many buildings and thousands of vehicles. While damage to property has been extensive, there seems to be no pattern of arsonists directing their anger at ordinary citizens or tourists. This Public Announcement will expire on December 7, 2005.

Travelers should be alert to news media reports for the most up-to-date information, avoid areas where riots have occurred, move quickly away from any demonstrations they may encounter, and exercise particular caution during evening and nighttime hours.

Travelers using the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris should be aware that train service between the airport and Paris runs through an affected area and has occasionally been disrupted. Travelers should rely instead on airport buses or taxis to downtown Paris.

Travelers in France who need assistance may contact the U.S. Embassy at 01-4312-2222, or by email at: citizeninfo@state.gov. The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Paris is located at 2 Rue St. Florentin, 75001 Paris (Place de La Concorde, Metro Stop Concorde), tel. 011-33-1-43-12-22-22 or (in France) 01-43-12-22-22; fax 011-33-1-42-61-61-40. Further information can be obtained at the U.S. Embassy's web site at <http://france.usembassy.gov/>.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov/>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-317-472-2328. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).